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At the annual election on New Year's day the following men were elected to office: Elders, F. E. More, R. F. Dinger, Deacons, Calvin Hosler, J. H. Brewer, W. A. Hobson; Financial Secretary, J. H. Brewer; Assistant Financial Secretary, W. F. Close, Treasurer.

The Womans Aid Society will have its next monthly meeting Thursday afternoon, February 3rd, in the lecture rooms of the church. The women are asked to come to the church early in the forenoon for an all day sewing. From 5 to 8 p. m. the women of section No. 1, will serve the monthly supper. Come and get your supper and get better acquainted with the members of the church.

The following committees have been appointed by the pastor: Finance Committee, H. E. Vordermark, W. F. Close, W. A. Hobson, J. H. Brewer, A. K. Zartman. Music, W. A. Hobson, H. E. Vordermark, W. F. Close, Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Mrs. Frank Leikauf. Janitor and Repairs, F. E. More, H. E. Metzner, Calvin Hosler. Church Membership, A. K. Zartman L. W. Hills, H. E. Vordermark, F. E. More.

The Easter season is not very far distant. We are planning for our special Evangelistic services, during the Easter season. We expect to do house to house visitation, hold cottage prayer meetings make our mid-week prayer services and Sabbath services Evangelistic. Every member of Grace should pray for a

harvest of souls. If you wish a cottage prayer meeting in your home report to the pastor.

The Woman's Aid Society, the Sunday School and the Young People's Society were all able to pay the interest and first installments on their pledges for the church debt and organ fund. This is a splendid showing for these organizations. They are now starting out for this years record. What has been accomplished the past year can surely be duplicated this year.

The pastor was presented with two beautiful plants by the Adult Bible Class on Christmas day. The members of Grace church know the pastors love for flowers—many thanks.

In which department of the Sunday School are you going to be enroled? We want every member of the church enroled somewhere and we want to secure the enrolment of a lot of boys and girls and men and women who are not in the church. The Adult Bible Class is receiving accessions every Sunday. Won't you come and take your place somewhere in the Sunday school?

Come to the young people's prayer meeting Sabbath evening at 6:45. Any number of the young people in the church and Sunday school ought to belong to the Christian Endeavor Society and many of our older people would find it an inspiration to get into their Sunday evening meetings.

The Woman's Aid Society had its annual meeting Thursday afternoon, January 6. At this meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. K. Zartman; vice president, Mrs. C. H. Gumper; secretary, Miss Anna Doerner; treasurer, Mrs. Frank More. The newly elected officers, and the following women constitute the executive committee for the year: Mrs. John Schneider, Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. Geo. Hesser, Mrs. J. H. Straub, Mrs. H. P. Dinger.

The Executive Committee had a meeting Wednesday afternoon, January 12, and decided upon plans of work for the year. The weekly sewings will be continued, also the Saturday sales of home made bread, cakes, pies, etc., penny boxes will also be given out again and the monthly suppers will be resumed. Eight sections were formed. Each section will give one supper during the year. In November a Thanksgiving offering will be collected and in the month of December the sections will unite and give a supper. The women expect to accomplish great things this year. They made a splendid record last year. They more than raised the amount pledged to the church debt and organ fund and the interest on their pledge up to Jan. 10, 1910.

Sections for 1910:

Section 1. Will serve supper the first Thursday in February. Managers Mrs. John Schneider and Mrs. F. E. More; assistants, Mesdames W. L. Hilbish, John Sessler, A. K. Zartman, Willis J. Pearse, H. E. Vordermark, Frank Shunk, Jennie Wickliff, Delilah Long, Nannetta Bowman, Mary Gooley, Lillie Zeis, George Saffen, Rachael Wells, Harry Crall, David Copenhaver, Misses Hazel Gooley, Williamine Saffen, Beatrice Benninghoff, Geo. Ulmer.

Section 2 Will serve first Thursday in March. Managers Mrs. H. P. Din-

ger and Mrs. Frank Leikauf; assistants, Mesdames J. H. Brewer, Richard Weller, Catherine Romy, R. Gavin, A. M. Henderson, Louis Wilkening, David Wilbert, Anna Gebert, R. F. Dinger, Margaret Boger, May Schaich, George Miller, Lenora McAfee, Lucy Zimmerman, Miss Maggie Haverly.

Section 3. Will serve first Thursday in April, Managers, Mrs. S. Wertman, Mrs. W. G. Page; assistants, Mesdames Henry Kessler, Karl Kessler, John Ruck, W. Moore, Lillie Mansel, Laura King, Chas. Rogers, Wilhelmine Habecker, S. Schraack, Viola Canning, Chas. Kent, James Quin, B. G. Main, A. W. Main, Louise Hilgeman, August Kutch, Wm. Botteran, Misses Ethel King, Selma Kutch, Ethel Hilgeman, Luella Hilgeman, Ruth Christian, Daisy Kelley, Evelyn and Mildred Wertman.

Section 4. Will serve first Thursday in May, Managers Mrs. Geo. Hesser, Mrs. C. H. Gumper; assistants, Carrie Eckert, Celia Hostman, Ed Riley, C. C. Gumper, Clara Klinkenberg, Louis Bereot, William Martin, Ed Hesser, Chas. Robinson, Geo. Gemmer, Misses Emma Bereot, Carrie Quigley, Bertha Goba, Rose Goba, Ruth Gumper, Esther Martin, Dr. J. H. Coblentz.

Section 5 Will serve first Thursday in June, Managers, Mrs. C. F. Close, Miss Anna Doerner; assistants, Mesdames Daniel Null, E. C. Close, H. E. Meizner, W. F. Close, James Evard, Perry Archer, Jacob Hetrick, Kate Certia, Fred Shearer, Alma Niedhammer, Clinton Schultz, Misses Ida and Lillie Kerkham, Bertha and Martha Carrol, Sybil Niedhammer.

Section 6 Will serve first Thursday in July, Managers, Mrs. Fred Hildebrand, Mrs. Calvin Hosler; assistants, Mesdames, Sarah J. Knight, August Guilaum, Ed Warner, Philip Heyman, S. Dukeman, Katie Weiler, Ed Chausse, Fred Roth, Mary Richards, Frank Bereot, Kittie Parker, Helena Wickard,

Misses Lottie Weiler, Elsie and Bertha Wickart, Edith Hobson, Lucy and Julia Bereot.

Section 7 Will serve first Thursday in September; Managers, Mrs. William Siebold, Mrs. J. H. Straub; assistants, Mrs. Geo. Smith, Susan Smith, Ed Siebold, James Smith, Lena Fritz, Jesse Benton, Oscar Riley, Samuel Fredrick, David Walters, Daniel Mullen, Jennie Flooring, Henry Krohnmler, Sadie Boals, Chas. Crum, John Smith, Susan Deahl, Margaret Weaver, Burt Weaver, Hennetta Trish, William Foseer, John Riley, Nora Merrilet, Misses Irma Smith, Anna eYager.

Section 8 Will serve first Thursday in October, Managers, Mrs. Emma Bitner, Mrs. John Bottger; assistants, Mesdames Jacob Rudisill, Luke Durnell, Ernest Payne, Valentine Monn, Josephine Grupe, Louisa Grybill, Louis Martin, Rufus Druckenbrod, Ellis W. Masterson, Harry A. Bryant, F. D. Knot, Roy Bitner, Anna Waltz, Misses Libbie Felker, Estella Bottger, Gertrude Thompson, Nora Minor, Lizzie Rudisill, DeEtta Masterson, Luella Martin, Lula Bitner, Carrie Cour.

DEATHS.

Reinhard Sommers died at his home 318 Fourth street, Saturday afternoon, December 4, 1909, after an illness of several years. He was born in Germany May 16, 1849. He came with his father's family to Fort Wayne in 1855. He was married to Elizabeth Langohr February 13, 1871. His wife, one son, and one daughter, and three sisters survive him. The funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon, December 7th.

John Adam Hiller, the father of Mrs. John Bottger, died at his home in Tyrone, Pa., Tuesday afternoon, January 4, at the age of 80 years, 5 months and

4 days. Mr. Hiller was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Tyrone. He made frequent visits to Fort Wayne, where we had the privilege of meeting him, and learned to know him as a very congenial, and good Christian man. He was born in Germany and came to America, when he was nineteen years of age. He first located in Pittsburg, and later in 1855 went to Tyrone, where he was a prosperous business man, and where he resided until his death. He was one of the charter members of the First English Lutheran church in Tyrone and from this church his funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, January 8. His wife died February 7, 1892. One son and three daughters survive him. Mrs. Bottger was with her father for a month or so before his death. She was there for the funeral, so was also Mr. Bottger who went to Tyrone after the death of Mr. Hiller. We extend our sympathy to the entire household in their bereavement and sorrow.

Rev. R. F. Schultz, the Field Secretary of the Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, O., was with us Sabbath, January 23. He preached for us at the morning and evening services. He was here in the interest of the Seminary. We are glad to have our people become better acquainted with our institutions, and their needs. Bro. Schultz is doing splendid work in gathering funds for the equipment of the Seminary at Dayton. He is an earnest and consecrated servant of the Lord.

Miss Lulu Bitner is at home from Goshen, Ind., and has again taken a class in the Sunday School. She has for many years been one of our most faithful and competent teachers.

Come to the church Thursday evening, February 3rd, and get your supper. The price is 20 cents.

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher

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Mrs. Ermish, of Sandusky, O., has been spending a few weeks with Mrs. C. F. Close. They have been friends for many years. Mrs. Ermish is a member of the Reformed church in Sandusky, and is a fine Christian woman.

The pastor assisted Rev. H. Hartman pastor of the Memorial Reformed church, Dayton, O., in special Evangelistic services during the second week of January. Bro. Hartman and his people are doing a splendid work and we found it very pleasant to work with them. While in Dayton we had the pleasure of being in the homes of many of our relations and friends, also visited the Central Seminary and met the professors and students.

If we could realize the possibilities that are wrapped up in the future, we would many times make better use of the present time. How precious, and yet so fleeting. We scarcely begin a day until the sunset is upon us. Opportunities come and go. Some are eagerly grasped and turned into golden deeds that shall stand the test as by fire, but many go by unheeded and unimproved. It is surprising to see what an estimate some professed christians place upon their time, spending it in the silly and unsatisfying pleasures and frivolities of the world, while the church is so much in need of their help—souls that might be won for Christ are being neglected; the sick are not visited, the sad-hearted and bereaved go uncheered and uncomfortable. The Sunday school is in need of teachers. How much there might be accomplished if church people placed a higher estimate upon their time, and realized that

time not given to God for His work is lost time. To be a co-worker with Jesus Christ in saving souls and to store the mind with knowledge and fit it for the highest service in the world, the lifting up of humanity, this is enough to occupy our time, and it is this service that brings lasting satisfaction to the mind and heart. It is not necessary to eliminate all sociability from our lives, but the sociability that is wholesome, that binds hearts together with a true and lasting friendship, that reaches out and gathers into its circle those who are timid and less fortunate in life. This is the sociability that creates a good atmosphere in the church and helps to make the church a power for good in a community. To say that we have accumulated wealth and social distinction during the past year does not indicate in the least that we have had a successful year. Our success will be measured by the good we have done. If the world is better because we have lived, if hearts are happier, if sin is less prevalent, if one soul has returned to the Father's house, because of our christian influence, we need not be anxious about the success of the year's work.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE.

As long as there are churches, there will be a church etiquette, and very many who would not think for a moment of offending at a social function do not seem at all concerned when attending a sacred service. The following rules form a good foundation:

1. If possible, be in time. You need at least five minutes, after coming, to get warm or cool, to compose your body and mind and to whisper a prayer before the service begins.

2. Never pass up the aisle during prayer or Scripture reading. If you do, your presence will distract the minds of many in the audience.

3. Be devout in every attitude. All whispering should be studiously avoided. Find the hymn, and sing it if you can. Share the book with your neighbor. If in a strange church, conform to its customs of worship.

4. If the sermon has begun, take a seat near the door, no matter if you are "at home."

5. Be thoughtful for the comfort of others. Take the inside of the pew if you are the first to enter, and leave all vacant space at the end next to the aisle.

6. Speak a bright, cheery word to as many as possible at the close of the service. If you are a stranger, ask one of the ushers to introduce you to the pastor or to some of the church officers. This will always insure you a hearty welcome.

7. Never put on your overcoat, overhoses or wraps during the closing hymn, and do not make a rush for the door immediately after the benediction is pronounced. There should be no loud talking and jesting after the service is concluded. They are as much out of place at the house of God as at a house of mourning.—Presbyterian Journal.

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Mission Study on China. Leader, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

FEBRUARY 6.

The Model Christian Endeavor. John 15:1-8 (C. E. Day). Leader, Geo. Shiffer.

FEBRUARY 13.

Bible Texts That Help Me. Ps. 119:97-104 Leader, Miss Elsie Weikart.

FEBRUARY 20.

Intemperance and Other Sins of the Body. Rom. 8:1-14. Leader, Miss Lizzie Rudisill.

FEBRUARY 27.

Mission Study on China. Leader, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

The Christmas season was a very pleasant one for Grace Church and its members—our services were all well attended and were enjoyed by the people.

The pastor and wife wish to express their appreciation and tender thanks to the members of Grace Church for numerous gifts and remembrances during the Christmas season.

Miss Bertha Bitner was at home from Heidelberg during the holiday vacation. She is very happy with her work at the University.

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A word may soften pain's keenest dart
A touch may lead us from sin apart;—
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